

**MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN INMATES OF
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE****CHAPTER 705**

H.B. No. 1083

AN ACT**relating to a mental health assessment of certain inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 501.068 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.068. MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN INMATES.

(a) Before the department may confine an inmate in administrative segregation, an appropriate medical or mental health care professional must perform a mental health assessment of the inmate.

(b) The department may not confine an inmate in administrative segregation if the assessment performed under Subsection (a) indicates that type of confinement is not appropriate for the inmate's medical or mental health.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

**EXTENDING THE PERIOD OVER WHICH THE BALANCE OF
THE SYSTEM BENEFIT FUND IS TO BE ELIMINATED****CHAPTER 706**

H.B. No. 1101

AN ACT**relating to extending the period over which the balance of the system benefit fund is to be eliminated.***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 39.903(m), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(m) This section expires September 1, 2017 [2016].

SECTION 2. Section 39.9039, Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 39.9039. **ELIMINATION OF SYSTEM BENEFIT FUND BALANCE.** (a) Notwithstanding Section 39.903(b), the commission shall set the nonbypassable system benefit fund fee at the amount of zero cents per megawatt hour for the period beginning September 1, 2013, and ending September 1, 2017 [2016].

(b) Notwithstanding Section 39.903(e), money in the system benefit fund may be appropriated:

(1) ~~[for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2013, a program established by the commission to assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the months of September, 2013, and May through August, 2014, in the manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h) at a rate of up to 82 percent;~~

[(2)] for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2014, to a program established by the commission to assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate

for the months of September, 2014, and May through August, 2015, in the manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h), at a rate of up to 15 percent;

(2) ~~[(3)]~~ for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2015, to a program established by the commission to assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the months of September, 2015, ~~[and May]~~ through August, 2016, in the manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h), at ~~the [a] rate the commission determines is necessary to exhaust the system benefit fund [of up to 15 percent];~~

(3) *for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016, if any money remains in the fund, to a program established by the commission to assist low-income electric customers by providing a reduced rate for the months of September, 2016, through August, 2017, in the manner prescribed by Section 39.903(h), at the rate the commission determines is necessary to exhaust the system benefit fund; and*

(4) for customer education programs and administrative expenses incurred by the commission in implementing and administering this chapter.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2017 ~~[2016]~~.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2015: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

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Effective June 17, 2015.

AUTHORITY WITH WHOM CERTAIN POLITICAL COMMITTEES MUST FILE REPORTS OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES

CHAPTER 707

H.B. No. 1114

AN ACT

relating to the authority with whom certain political committees must file reports of political contributions and expenditures.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 254.130, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 254.130. **AUTHORITY WITH WHOM REPORTS FILED.** (a) *Except as provided by Subsection (b), reports [Reports] filed under this subchapter shall be filed with the authority with whom the political committee's campaign treasurer appointment is required to be filed.*

(b) *A specific-purpose committee created to support or oppose a measure on the issuance of bonds by a school district shall file reports under this subchapter with the commission.*

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a report of political contributions or expenditures due on or after the effective date of this Act. A report of political contributions or expenditures due before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the report is due, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.